

12/24/2008

**RECEIVED  
CENTRAL FAX CENTER**

**NOV 21 2008**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Rolf U. Halden

Application No.: 10/797,713

Confirmation No.: 4304

Filed: March 10, 2004

Art Unit: 1797

For: **RAPID IDENTIFICATION OF MICROBIAL  
GENOTYPES AND PHENOTYPES**

Examiner: Beisner, William

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated July 25, 2008 and request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 20 of this paper.